

**Ida Township Planning Commission  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
September 11, 2018**

Ida Township  
3016 Lewis Avenue  
Ida, MI 48144

**Members:**

Kevin Miller  
Pete Loughney  
Elmer Bowman  
Mark Metz, Chairman  
Steve Biela

**Staff:**

Dave Friend, Zoning Administrator  
John Enos, Planning Consultant  
Sheila Myers, Planning Secretary

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** M. Metz called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Present: Mark Metz, Steve Biela, Pete Loughney, Elmer Bowman and Kevin Miller. K. Miller arrived at 7:34 p.m.  
  
M. Metz recognized special guests, Paul Metz, Ida Township Supervisor and Dave Friend, Zoning Administrator. John Enos, Planning Consultant, was absent. Tyler Lasser from Carlisle Wortman Associates, Inc. attended the meeting in his place.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** none.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the April 10, 2018 meeting were reviewed and discussed. Motion made by P. Loughney to approve the minutes as printed, with support by S. Biela. Motion carried. K. Miller was not present to vote.
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion made by P. Loughney, with support by E. Bowman, to approve agenda as printed. Motion carried. K. Miller abstained from voting as he had just arrived.
6. **SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:** none.
7. **REPORT OF PLANNING CONSULTANT:** none.
8. **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**A. Old Business:**

1. Review of Master Plan. Remains tabled.

**B. New Business:**

1. Review Ordinance: Self-Contained Storage Units on Private Property. Discussed making possible changes to the ordinance to address self-contained storage units on private property. T.

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Lasser said he would look into the issue so it can be discuss further at next meeting. P. Loughney made a motion to table the issue with support from S. Biela. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Review Ordinance: Animal Rescue. Discussed possible changes to ordinance regarding rescue and kennels. M. Metz noticed the need for a text change on page 180. Under Section 6.30 Kennels (Commercial), item C, “(a)” needs to be amended to “(B)”. Motion carried under unanimous consent. Commission will consider possible changes to ordinance and discussed issue further at next meeting. S. Biela made a motion to table the matter with support from P. Loughney. All in favor. Motion carried.

\*Action Item: Correct ordinance as directed by motion listed above.

**9. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR ISSUES NOT ON AGENDA:**

Correspondence received. Letter from Summerfield Township dated July 19, 2018 announcing adoption of new Master Plan which can be viewed at [www.wadetrin.com/planning/summerfield-master-plan.pdf](http://www.wadetrin.com/planning/summerfield-master-plan.pdf). Letter from Erie Township stating it has completed a draft Master Plan which is available for review on its website – <http://erietownship.com>. Letter from LaSalle Township dated April 27, 2018, stating it has completed a draft Master Plan which can be reviewed online at [goo.gl/YDS7S9](http://goo.gl/YDS7S9).

Planning Commission Members.

**10. REPORT OF TOWNSHIP BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:** E. Bowman updated the Commission on sewer and road projects.

**11. REPORT OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPRESENTATIVE:** none.

**12. OTHER MATTERS:** none.

**13. ADJOURNMENT:** P. Loughney made a motion to adjourn with support by E. Bowman. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Sheila Myers, Recording Secretary